

Benefits of the Program

- ◆ Provides access to treatment for impaired professionals.
- ◆ Protects the public.
- ◆ Promotes early intervention.
- ◆ Maintains the licensee's professional livelihood, provided they are in compliance with the VTO agreement and do not commit any professional infractions.
- ◆ Ensures accountability for program compliance.



Participating Boards / Commissions in the Voluntary Treatment Option Program

*Board of Accountancy
Board of Landscape Architecture
Board of Architects
Board of Chiropractic
Board of Cosmetology and Barbering
Board of Dental Examiners
Committee on Dietetics/Nutrition
Board of Electrical Examiners
Board of Funeral Services
Board of Plumbing Examiners
Board of Nursing
Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators
Board of Massage and Bodywork
Board of Occupational Therapy
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board of Examining Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers
Board of Podiatry
Board of Professional Land Surveyors
Council on Real Estate Appraisers
Real Estate Commission
Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals
Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Board of Examiners of Speech/Language, Pathologists, Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers
Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners
Board of Veterinary Medicine*

For complete information, please visit www.dpr.delaware.gov and click on the Voluntary Treatment Option link.

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What is the Voluntary Treatment Program?



A professional assistance program for eligible licensees who can confidentially access professional help for their chemical dependency or impairment.

Background

- *The Delaware Assembly passed legislation in 1998*
- *Rules and Regulations were promulgated in 2001 by 25 Boards / Commissions who opted to participate in the program.*
- *Division of Professional Regulation staff, representatives from Boards / Commissions,*

the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health worked to establish program protocols and identified a network of licensed providers to provide assessment and treatment services for program participants.

Accessibility and Eligibility

- *By Written Application*
- *By Third Party Written Referral*
- *Licensees are eligible for the program if they have not committed an offense, other than the status of being chemically dependent or impaired, that would constitute grounds for discipline under applicable laws governing the profession.*



Ease of Program Use by Licensee

1. *Complete application and authorization release of information or referral form. Please access these forms by going to www.dpr.delaware.gov and clicking on the Voluntary Treatment Option link.*
2. *Complete substance abuse assessment with licensed provider within 30 days of notification eligibility.*
3. *Meet with DPR / Board designee to discuss and sign agreement, if treatment is recommended.*
4. *Access the prescribed level of treatment with licensed provider, different than the assessment provider.*

** Treatment progress monitored by DPR / Board designee.*

** All costs absorbed by the licensee.*